

# Introduction to Global Relief Technologies

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Vegetation Management Integrated Systems Initiative



## THE INFORMATION WE NEED ANYWHERE...ANYTIME...



CRITICAL AND RAPID INFORMATION FOR EARLY DETECTION AND RAPID RESPONSE



Global Relief Technologies is the brainchild of Founder Michael Gray who as a State Department refugee relief worker experienced first hand in the Balkans the need to alleviate suffering by getting critical humanitarian relief data from the field to the decision makers for rapid response...which was not happening...





GRT was born from the belief that GRT's technology can make life better. It Can. It Does.

It Will for us.





## Threats to crops, ranges, and forest products.











### The Rapid Data Management System<sup>TM</sup> Overview

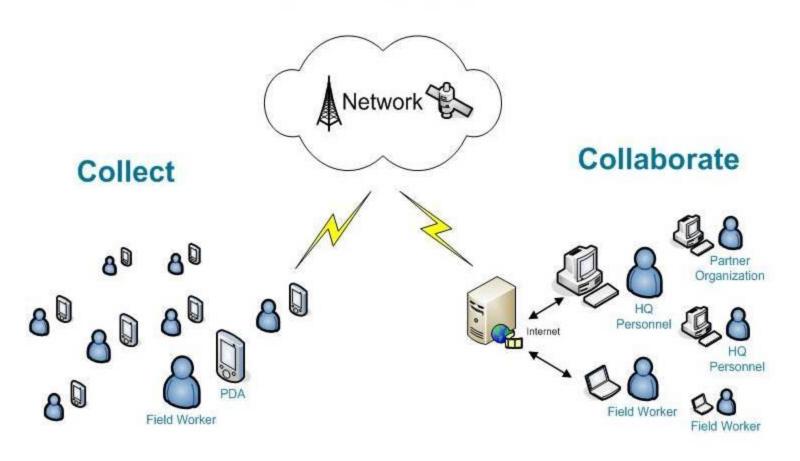
- **RDMS** Collect<sup>TM</sup> Simple flexible software by which field personnel can quickly and accurately collect and upload field data and photos to the Collaboration Center.
- **RDMS Communicate**<sup>TM</sup> Links RDMS Collect devices in the fields with the Collaboration Center and allows data and photos to flow between the two in even the most difficult and remote environments.
- **RDMS** Collaborate<sup>™</sup> Provides a virtual Collaboration Center that facilitates monitoring, reviewing and evaluating information as it is transmitted by field personnel to your organization's secure database; instant analysis of information using standard and custom charts, graphs, and reporting capabilities; and location-based analysis using maps and satellite imagery.



## Rapid Data Management System

Transforming how organizations handle data

#### Communicate

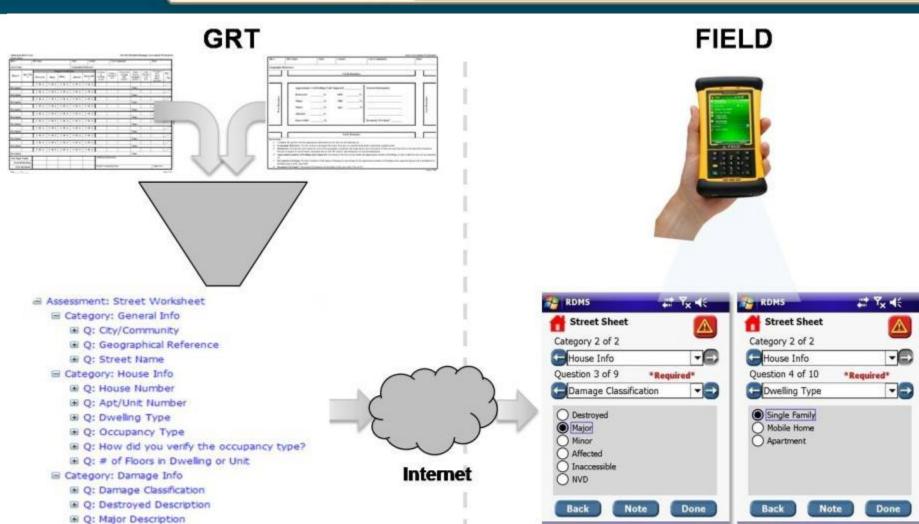




⊕ Q: Minor Description
 ⊕ Q: Affected Description
 ⊕ Q: Inaccessible Description

@ Q: Additional Damage Description

## Paper to PDA Real-time Updates Including GIS



Options

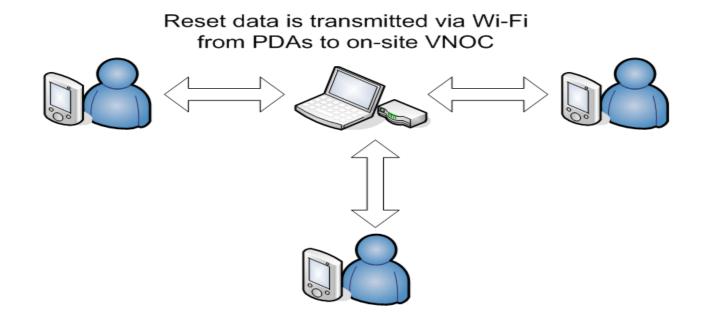
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- Information can flow both ways;
- Field user can receive updated information from HQ such as new forms OR recommendation for addressing the issue in the field. e.g. "use XYZ product XX"





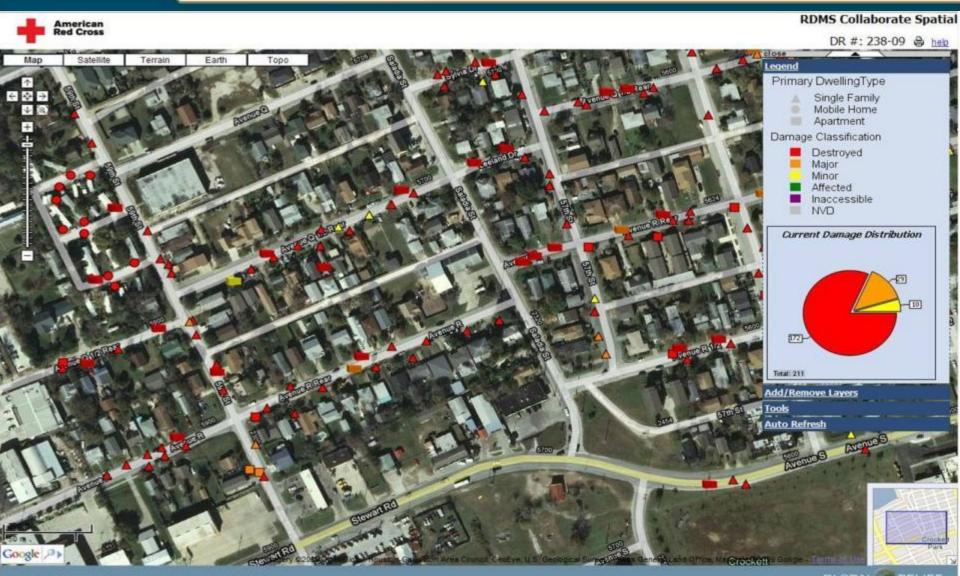
### **Hurricane Ike, Galveston** September 2008

Source:





### Red Cross Damage Assessments-Hurricane Ike, September 2008



Total: 163 Assessments

Flooding

Alert

Program: Spring Flooding 2009

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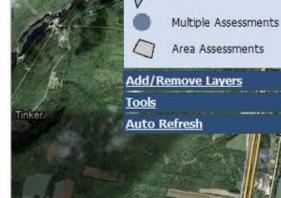


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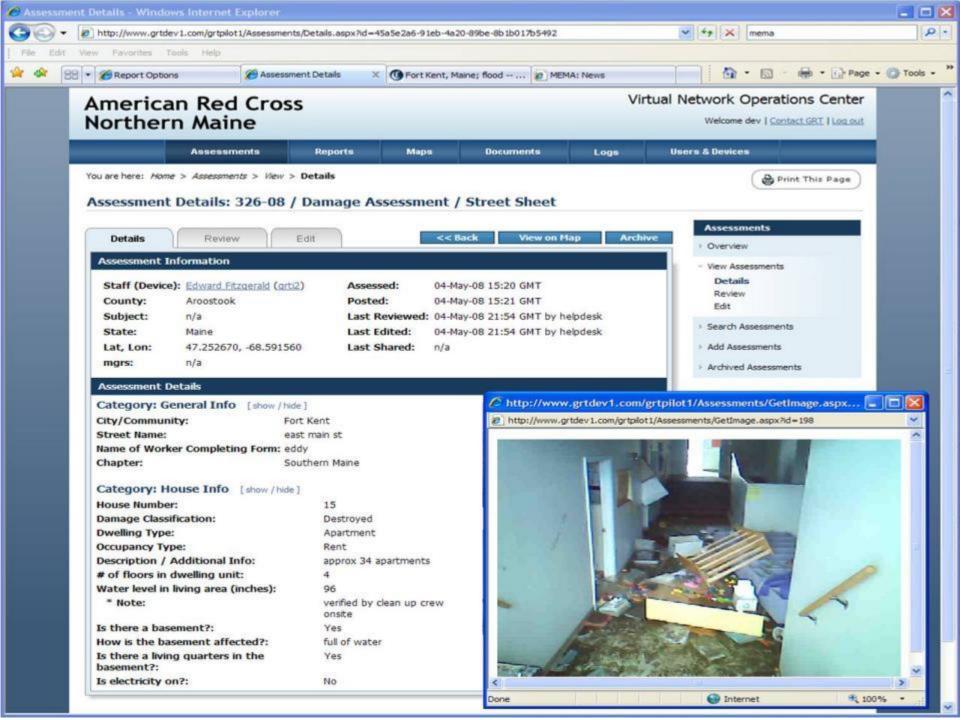
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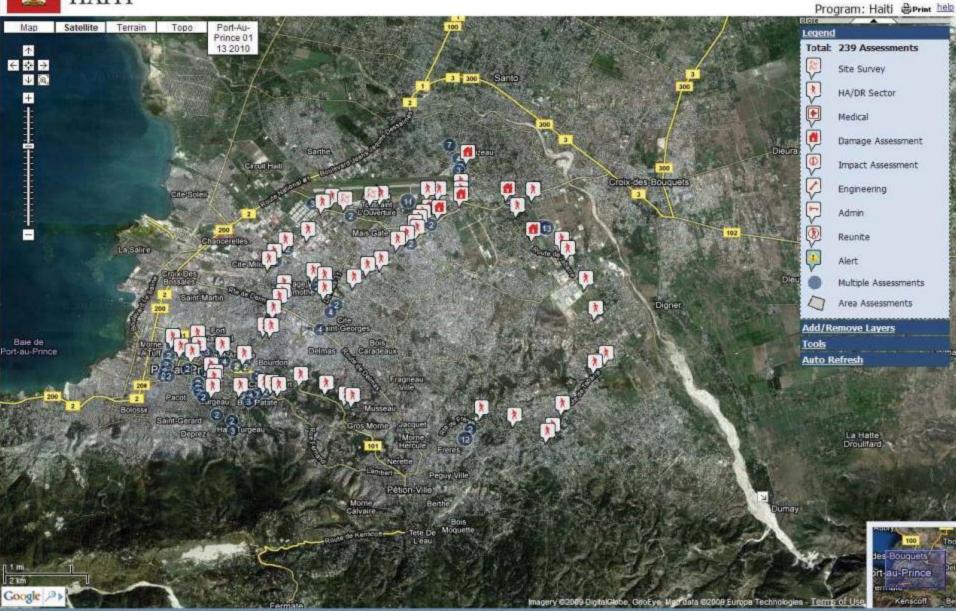




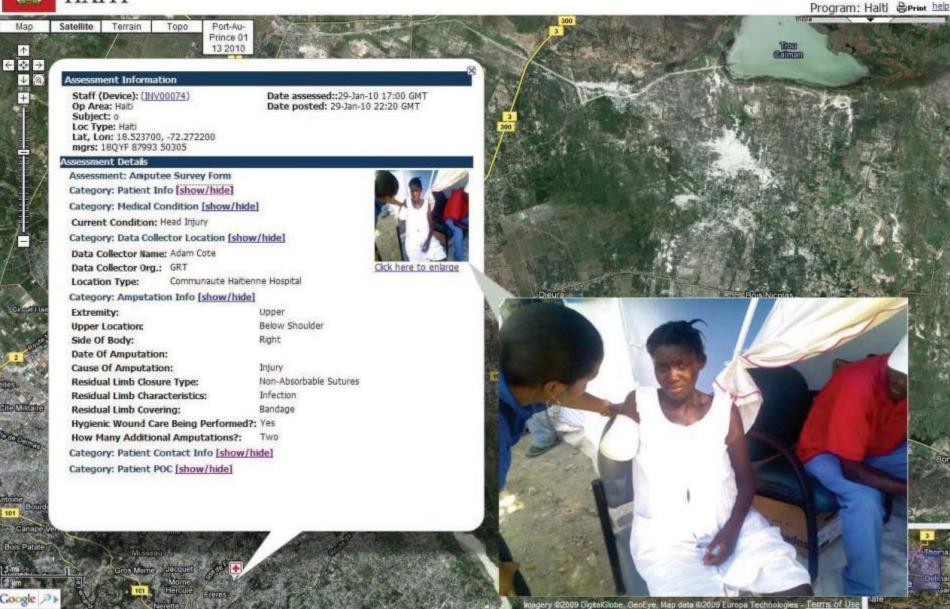














## **Company Overview**

#### **Services**

- 24/7/365 HelpDesk Support
- On-site Training & Support
- Rapid integration of traditional forms
- Custom Reports
- Custom GIS Layers



## NISC priorities = System priorities

#### National Invasive Species Management Plan:

#### Early Detection Alert System

- Rapid Response funding mechanism
- Collaboration
  - Within & between agencies
  - Between Federal and State
  - Between Private and Public

#### Information Sharing

- Current and New research
- Decision tools
- On-the-ground results
- Grants
- Economics
- o Rules, Regulations, NEPA documents

#### **Bonus abilities**

- Program Evaluation
  - Parameter Choices
  - Reports / Analysis
    - Research needs, economics, pesticide use
- RESULTS:
  - Increase quality of on-the-ground results
    - **×** Fuse data
    - End-to-End Solutions
  - Attract innovators and new generation to Integrated Pest Management
    - Customized technology

## Suggested Recommendation

ISAC recommends that NISC agencies objectively evaluate available technology to implement the most effective approach to invasive species management. ISAC endorses embracing technology to provide the immediate ability to upload data that can be simultaneously seen and discussed by personnel in the field and management to expedite informed decision making to create end to end solutions to meet objectives of the National Invasive Species Management Plan, including early detection network, collaboration ability, information sharing and performance evaluations. ISAC also recommends development through public-private partnerships utilizing non-federal stakeholders and retail support be encouraged, and pilot projects be implemented to test currently available technology that can be modified or enhanced for invasive species management.



Quality information for better stewardship of our resources.

